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Chris receives Alderman award

Chris Cheetham receives his Honorary Alderman award from chariman of Lancashire County Council, Kevin Ellis.

A FORMER county councillor from Skelmersdale has been made an Honorary Alderman of Lancashire.

Chris Cheetham, who served as councillor for the Skelmersadale West ward on Lancashire County Council for 28 years from 1981 to 2009, received the accolade at a full meeting of the county council.

The title of Honorary Alderman is awarded to former county councillors who, in the opinion of the council, made a significant contribution to Lancashire during their time in office.

To be approved for the accolade, nominees have to be voted for by more than two–thirds of county councillors attending the special meeting of the full council.

FUEL FOUL–UP HAS DRIVERS FUMING!

Cars break down after motorists fill up with contaminated petrol

By **Danielle Thompson**

MOTORISTS were left fuming after filling up with contaminated fuel from the BP garage on County Road, Ormskirk that caused them to break down at the weekend.

Angry drivers took to social networking site Twitter on Saturday (December 27) to warn other drivers and share stories of breaking down – with some uploading pictures of watery–looking fluid they said they had removed from their tanks after filling up at the station.

A spokesman for petrol forecourt group Euro Garages Ltd, who run the garage, apologised to affected customers and blamed a contamination issue caused by residue from changing one of the pumps over from diesel to unleaded fuel.

It is believed that eight cars were affected, with several cars breaking down on the A59 and Holborn Hill.

Euro Garages are offering affected customers a free tank of fuel and reimbursements for any towing/repair costs incurred.

One affected motorist, Andrew Heaton, Tweeted: "Anyone in Ormskirk? Swerve the BP on County Road, pumping out contaminated fuel. My dad is stranded on A59 and others stuck on forecourt."

He also posted a picture of a bottle of watery fluid he said he had taken from his petrol tank.

Luke Chandley Tweeted: "Just broke down halfway up Holborn Hill. Water in my tank instead of petrol. Fuming." He added that he then had to pay for his car to be towed on Sunday (December 28).

He said: "They initially 'fixed' the issue on Saturday, only for it to break down again once I left the forecourt halfway home. It was more hugely inconvenient than anything. It has taken up my whole weekend – not an ideal part of my Christmas break."

A spokesman for Euro Garages Ltd. said: "Our site in County Road, Ormskirk, has recently been renovated, including the swapping of fuel tanks. This led to a small amount of residue being left in one of the tanks which unfortunately resulted in contaminated unleaded petrol being dispensed for a short period of time last Saturday.

"As soon as we were made aware of this problem, we suspended the pumps in question until our engineers had investigated and resolved the issue. The pumps are now dispensing fuel as normal again.

"We have been liaising with those customers affected and have apologised for the inconvenience caused. We have fully reimbursed them for any repair work carried out on their vehicles and provided them with a complimentary tank of premium fuel.

"We would like to apologise to all customers for the inconvenience caused and reassure them that the issue is now resolved, and our County Road site is operating as normal. Any customers with queries should contact us on 01254 586 318."

The BP garage on County Road in Ormskirk

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Year of success for West Lancs slimming 'gurus'

MEMBERS of a weight–loss organisation with more than 55 years of experience between them are celebrating their most successful year to date.

The West Lancashire Slimming World consultants have helped more members succeed than any other year, picking up a number of accoaldes, including a 'Special Award' in June for their services to members.

Most recently they were named Slimming World's District Team of the Year. The district includes another 10 teams, covering West Lancashire, Merseyside, Sefton and Knowsley.

Tina Whewell, West Lancashire team developer, said: "We help and support more than 1,000 members on a weekly basis and because of our hard work, determination and passion for wanting to help those members succeed the groups have gone from strength to strength and this year has seen an all–time record of our amazing members achieving their personal target weight, which is just fantastic.

"With 2015 almost upon us, lots of people will be making New Year's resolutions to lose weight and thinking about how they can make changes to lead healthier lifestyles. It's understandable that people want a 'quick fix', but sadly they just don't exist when it comes to long–term weight loss.

"The best approach to lose weight and keep it off is to adopt a healthy lifestyle, including following a balanced, varied, satisfying diet – including treats in moderation – that is sustainable in the long term."

Pictured with two of their awards are (left to right) Tina Whewell, Sarah Lee, Kathy Burslem, Jackie Whewell and Sue Allt **Code NA**

Examine your options before using A & E

THE public are being urged to examine their options before using busy accident and emergency departments over the New Year period.

Angela Kelly, interim director of nursing and quality at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "Many people who arrive at A&E, particularly by ambulance following a 999 call, do need hospital care and will be seen immediately. However, there are others whose needs could be met just as well by their GP, a pharmacist or by treating the symptoms themselves.

"A&E is for people facing life–threatening and serious emergencies such as serious accidents, serious burns, breathing problems, heart attacks and strokes. Please keep our staff free for them."

Angela said coughs, colds, sore throats, upset stomachs, general aches and pains, and flu will usually clear up on their own. Just keep warm, drink plenty of fluids and, if appropriate, treat with over–the–counter painkillers such as paracetamol.

For help with injuries or illnesses that won't go away, contact a GP or a GP out of hours service.

Alternatively, West Lancashire Health Centre at Ormskirk hospital is open from 8am to 10pm all year round.

Skelmersdale NHS Walk–in Centre at The Concourse is open from 7am to 10pm weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends and New Year's Day.

Local pharmacies and NHS Choices are also a good source of information and advice.

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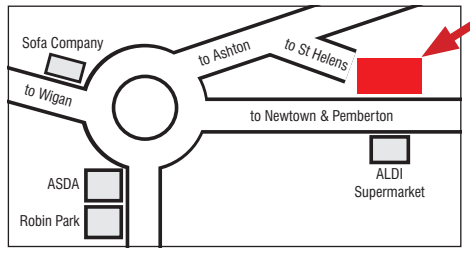

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Grateful mum's novel fundraising scheme for hospital that saved her young son's life

Rosalind's hoping for 'tree–mendous' response

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE mother of a three–year–old boy who was successfully treated for a brain tumour has come up with a unique idea to raise money for the hospital that cared for him.

Rosalind Bell, whose son Daniel was rushed into emergency surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool in June, was so grateful to the hospital that she began selling homemade clothes online to raise money for equipment.

Now the 33–year–old solicitor from Black Moss Lane, Ormskirk is aiming to raise £500 to buy iPads for older children to use on the neurosurgical and oncology wards when recovering from treatment – by offering to pick up families' Christmas trees on Saturday, January 10 for a £10 donation.

Rosalind recognised Daniel's symptoms from a HeadSmart charity card – warning parents of the symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people – that she kept on the fridge at home.

As well as being lethargic for several months, and taking naps in the afternoons, Daniel also complained of frequent headaches every day for a week and started being sick in the mornings.

Rosalind and husband Colin – who have two other children, five–year–old Leyla and Seren, four months – took him to their GP who referred him to the accident and emergency ward at Ormskirk Hospital, who diagnosed him immediately and sent him to Alder Hey, where he had an operation the same day to drain fluid from his brain.

On the mend... young Daniel Bell with sisters Leyla and Seren in front of the family's Christmas tree
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The following day, the tumour was removed in a second operation.

Rosalind told the Champion: "We believe that Daniel's quick diagnosis saved his life. With brain tumours, the faster you can diagnose and treat it, the higher the rates of survival and we are so unbelievably lucky to have Alder Hey, a specialist hospital which is one of just a few in the whole world with an inter–operative scanner, on our doorstep.

"The surgeon was able to use this scanner during the operation to ensure that the had got all of the tumour out, meaning that Daniel only had to have the one invasive operation and was spared a second dangerous anaesthetic and procedure.

"He doesn't even need chemotherapy or radiotherapy, just regular check–ups. We are so unbelievably lucky and we are so grateful to all of the healthcare professionals who treated him and to the HeadSmart charity whose symptom card was vital to his diagnosis.

"We are hoping to raise at least £500 to pay for two iPads for children to use when recovering from surgery or receiving treatment.

"I hope to get a good response by offering to pick up people's trees as everyone surely hates the trip to the tip and needles in the car!"

The family – and a band of volunteers and friends – are hoping to pick up trees from across West Lancashire and Sefton.

Donations are made beforehand and the trees can be left in the owners' front gardens for collection.

They will be given to the National Trust, who use the trees to bind the dunes together at Formby beach and stop wind from eroding the sand.

• *To book a collection visit facebook.com and search for Charity Tree Collection, or contact Rosalind on 07734800022.*

Residents' safety fears over plan to build on land near 'dangerous' junction

By **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council's planning committee's decision to grant planning permission to build on land at the junction of Kiln Lane and School Lane in Skelmersdale has met with criticism by residents and a local councillor.

The application came in front of councillors at the recent planning committee meeting and the decision has since been opposed by Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey.

The council is the applicant and they want to use the land for residential development.

Before the meeting, the council received nine letters of objection from neighbouring properties and a petition with 32 signatures. Residents have said that this is a "very dangerous" road junction where there have been numerous accidents.

But officers in the report highlighted the fact that the highways officer at Lancashire County Council had been consulted and had raised no objections.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey commented: "I am very annoyed that the borough council's planning committee has completely ignored the views of local residents regarding this application. There is clear evidence that this development will have an impact on road safety at this busy junction.

"However these concerns have been dismissed as the safety issues are not regarded as 'severe' enough."

He went onto claim: "This council–owned plot of land has been identified for disposal by the Tory–run council as part of their plans to flog off land and buildings to raise cash for spending projects. I have no doubt that the cash raised will be diverted away from Skelmersdale by the Conservatives and spent in other areas of the borough."

When Cllr. Furey made similar claims last October, council leader Councillor David Westley commented: "Once again, Councillor Furey has got his facts wrong. The land in Kiln Lane is to be disposed of as part of the Strategic Asset Management Project (SAMP), which assesses council land in every ward in West Lancashire, not just Skelmersdale.

"Monies raised from such sales cannot, under government rules, be used to fund revenue funding.

"Moreover, the council has invested money into public open space in the Kiln Lane area – including installing a multi–use games area adjacent to Greenhill Community Hub – as well as the wider Old Skelmersdale area."

Fatal accident appeal

LANCASHIRE Police have launched an appeal for information about a fatal road traffic accident over Christmas.

A black Mercedes saloon car travelling westbound on the M58 at about 8.30pm on Boxing Day (Friday, December 26) left the carriageway around a mile from Junction 1, going down an embankment, crashing through a wooden fence and rolling over before coming to rest on its wheels in an adjacent field.

The driver, a 68–year–old man from Aughton, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sergeant Mick Young from Lancashire Constabulary's road policing unit said: "It is possible that the driver may have suffered a medical episode at the wheel. However, we are appealing for anyone with any information about this incident to contact us so we can determine just how this tragic accident came to happen."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lancashire Police on 101.

Extra helping of festive cheer for young hospital patients

By **Henry James**

BIG–hearted supermarket employees staff helped to bring a little bit of extra festive cheer to young patients having to spend Christmas on the children's ward at Ormskirk Hospital.

Staff from the ASDA logistics depot in Skelmersdale donated a host of toys and games to the ward as part of the company's Smiles Toy Appeal.

Erica Sharrock, Community Life Champion at the ASDA depot, went along to the ward to deliver the toys.

He is pictured (right) with Dr Koshitha Gunarathna, sister Emma Taylor, healthcare assistant Ann Wasley and student nurse Sonia Meir.

Darren Pettener, general manager at the ASDA depot, said: "We're thrilled to be able to give these toys and hope that they went at least some way to helping to bring a little happiness to the children who are unfortunate to be in hospital over Christmas.

"I would also like to thank our staff for their donations."

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Shopping centre bosses say leisure complex plan will help address town's high shop vacancy rates

Report by **Henry James**

CONCOURSE bosses believe that their proposals for a new cinema at the shopping centre will help address the high shop vacancy rates in Skelmersdale which have been highlighted in a damning report.

The figures show the town has the highest persistent shop vacancy rates in Great Britain.

The Local Data Company statistics were revealed on the Radio 4 Consumer Affairs Programme, You and Yours.

The figures showed that three–quarters of vacant shop units in Skelmersdale have been empty for more than three years and as a consequence 90% of all retail spending is done outside of the town.

On the show, Matthew Hopkinson from the Local Data Company called Skelmersdale a "dead man standing."

Jo Salmon, retail portfolio manager for London and Cambridge Properties (LCP), which owns the Concourse, said: "We recognise that there are high vacancy rates in the town centre. The vacancy rate at the Concourse, not excluding the top floor, is about 15%.

"The new cinema development will help address the vacancy rates and that is why these proposals are so important. If something was to weaken the Concourse further, it could have a significant impact and take the centre to a tipping point."

Ms Salmon acknowledged a high percentage of retail spending was done outside the town and added: "A huge amount is spent outside the town. It is important people use the shops in the Concourse or lose them."

The Concourse **Code NA**

Frank McKenna, chief executive of Downtown in Business, which operates across the North West of England lobbying local councils to get deals for businesses, was interviewed on the programme.

He said: "Skelmersdale has not had the support and investment to get vacancy rates down. The town needs a vision that excites and something that is a bit more innovative and a bit more dynamic.

"If you look on the edges of this town centre you can see facilities that can work. We have an Asda superstore which is very profitable and a private Bannatyne's which makes a lot of money.

"The Concourse has not been invested in. I don't think the marketing is particularly good either."

Daryl Gibbs, who runs a hairdressing business, also commented on the radio programme. He said: "Since I have been here, Skelmersdale has nearly doubled in size, but the Concourse has never really changed. We have got to do something about it. People seem to be competing on what they are going to do, but nothing ever happens."

Leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor David Westley, who appeared on the programme as well, commented: "I had not realised that the vacancy rate figures were as high as that.

"I acknowledge that there is a problem in Skelmersdale. The problem in Skelmersdale is down to the way it was built in the 1960s and that there is no night–time economy. We are trying to address this."

Witness appeal after town–centre brawl

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a mass brawl involving 15 men in Ormskirk town centre.

Officers were called to the scene of the fight, outside the Queens Head pub on Moor Street, at about 11.45pm on Tuesday, December 23.

Two men were injured in the disturbance and were taken to Southport Hospital.

One man suffered a laceration to the head and the other was left with a bloodied and swollen face.

DS Di Higham of Skelmersdale CID said: "We are still trying to establish why the fight started and exactly who was involved.

"I am appealing for anyone with information about this incident to come forward and speak to us.

"I would also like to say to those who want to go out and cause trouble over the festive period, be warned that violent behaviour will not be tolerated and you will end up spending Christmas and New Year in the cells."

• Four men – aged 19, 26, 27 and 31 – have been arrested in relation to this incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not have to go to court.

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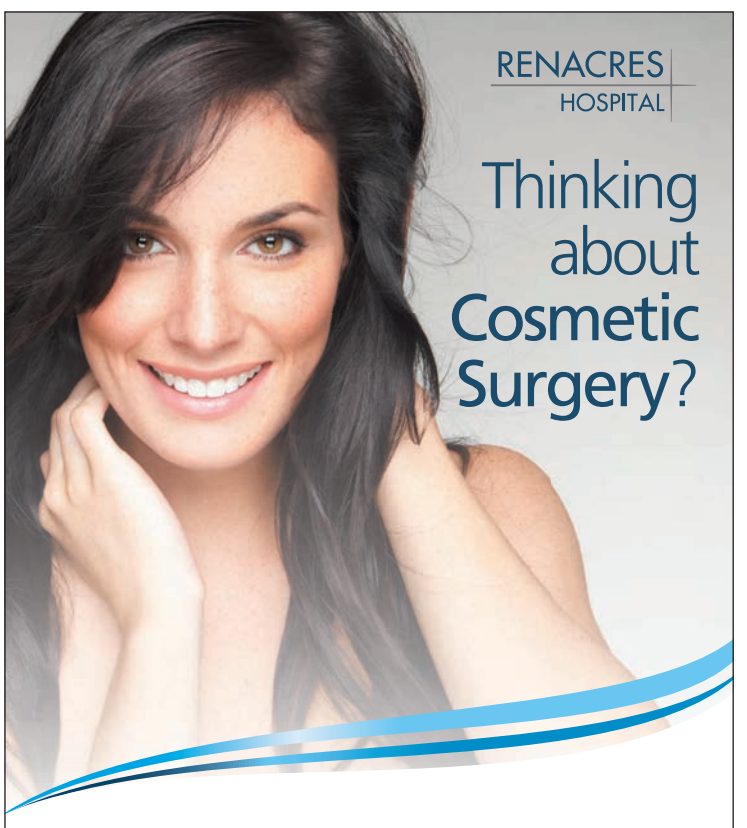
Choir marks milestone with special concert

AUGHTON Male Voice Choir celebrated a fantastic end to their 40th anniversary year with a special concert at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane. The songsters, who perform throughout the year for good causes, sung for guests, including the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson.



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Care home's Christmas initiative featured on TV

BBC Breakfast news team highlight scheme to combat festive loneliness among elderly in the community

Report by
Danielle Thompson

STAFF at a care home in Aughton who launched a Christmas initiative to try to combat loneliness in elderly residents in the community were filmed by the BBC Breakfast news team for a feature which aired on Christmas Day.

Events organiser Lesley Malone and manager Margaret Sutcliffe from the Hillcroft residential care and dementia home first came up with the idea to invite at least five older people from the local community who live on their own to join residents at the home for Christmas dinner.

And after the story appeared in the Champion, Kevin O'Hara, community connector for Connect 4 Life – a combined project between Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, Salvere, the British Red Cross, the Council for Voluntary Service, Age Concern and Age UK – took up the baton to co–ordinate a West Lancashire–wide Christmas initiative.

Some 16 care homes and community groups across the borough came forward to offer places for more than 50 people to join them for Christmas dinner.

And the BBC Breakfast news team went along to the home on Christmas Eve to film the staff and residents as they prepared for Christmas Day.

They also interviewed two of the five pensioners that live in their own homes who went for for the Christmas Day meal to make new friends.

Lesley Malone said: "We have been involving residents in the community living life to the fullest and we have also been involving them in events at the home, as well as day trips out.

Chatted

"TV reporter Nina Warhurst interviewed our manager Margaret while she was helping in the kitchen with the preparation for Christmas dinner.

"Margaret explained that it was lovely to be able to invite older lonely people to share the day as it can be a happy or sad time for people.

"Two of the older people that live in their own houses were interviewed as well. Joyce Oakes from Scarisbrick told Nina that she feels like we are family here and Christmas is all about families, while Paul Critchley from Skelmersdale said that it was lovely to chat and make new friends.

Hillcroft manager Margaret Sutcliffe in footage taken by the BBC on Christmas Eve
Code NA

"We were also joined by Silver Line director, Dr Alex McMin and Councillor May Blake, older peoples champion for West Lancashire who served lovely hot mulled wine, chatted to the residents and put on her dancing shoes.

"Christmas Day was a perfect, memorable day.

"We are going to keep our doors open to anyone who is lonely to come along to meet new friends."

Anyone who would like to join in with the home's activities can call Margaret or Lesley on 01695 422407.

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Police chief to quiz Skem shoppers on precept funding

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw will be out and about in the New Year asking people how much they are willing to pay for the police.

The commissioner launched the 'How Much' campaign in November seeking the public's views on the police precept – the part of the council tax that helps fund policing across the county. He's asking people if they want to freeze the precept, increase it by 6p a week (2%) or by 15p a week (5%).

More than 2,000 people from all over the county have already had their say either through an online survey on the commissioner's website, on surveys placed in police enquiry desks and libraries, or via a telephone poll undertaken by an independent research company.

But Mr Grunshaw is hoping to engage with people who may not usually respond to such consultations by meeting them at shopping centres throughout the county. He will be at the Concourse shopping centre in Skemersdale on Thursday, January 15 from 11am to 2pm.

He said: "We have used social media and email marketing to try and reach a much larger number of people this year. But there are still people we won't have spoken to and I am hoping that by going to a place where they may feel more familiar, like a shopping centre, then that would encourage more people to chat to me. I want to get as many views from people as possible so that my decision genuinely reflects the majority view of the people of Lancashire."

Other ways residents can have their say are as follows:

- **at www.lancashire–pcc.gov.uk where there is a link to the survey on the front page**
- **by picking up a leaflet from their nearest police enquiry desk**
- **by phoning the commissioner's office on 01772 533587 and asking for a survey to be sent to their home address.**

The commissioner will present his proposals to the Police and Crime Panel at its next meeting on Monday, January 26.

Costly 'lesson' for drunken woman

A SKELMERSDALE woman was given a 'lesson' in manners by magistrates after she pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Southport Hospital.

Amanda Caren, 33, of Willow Hey, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court where it was heard that police were called to Southport A&E on October 30 due to reports of her being drunk and abusive following treatment.

She was still being abusive when police arrived, prosecutor Lionel Cope said, and when asked to leave she told them to "f*** off."

After Caren apologised for her behaviour, and for wasting police time, the magistrates fined her £150 and ordered her to pay accumulated costs of £105.

Chair, Gillian Johnson, said: "The offence was made worse by people going about their job and you being unpleasant to them.

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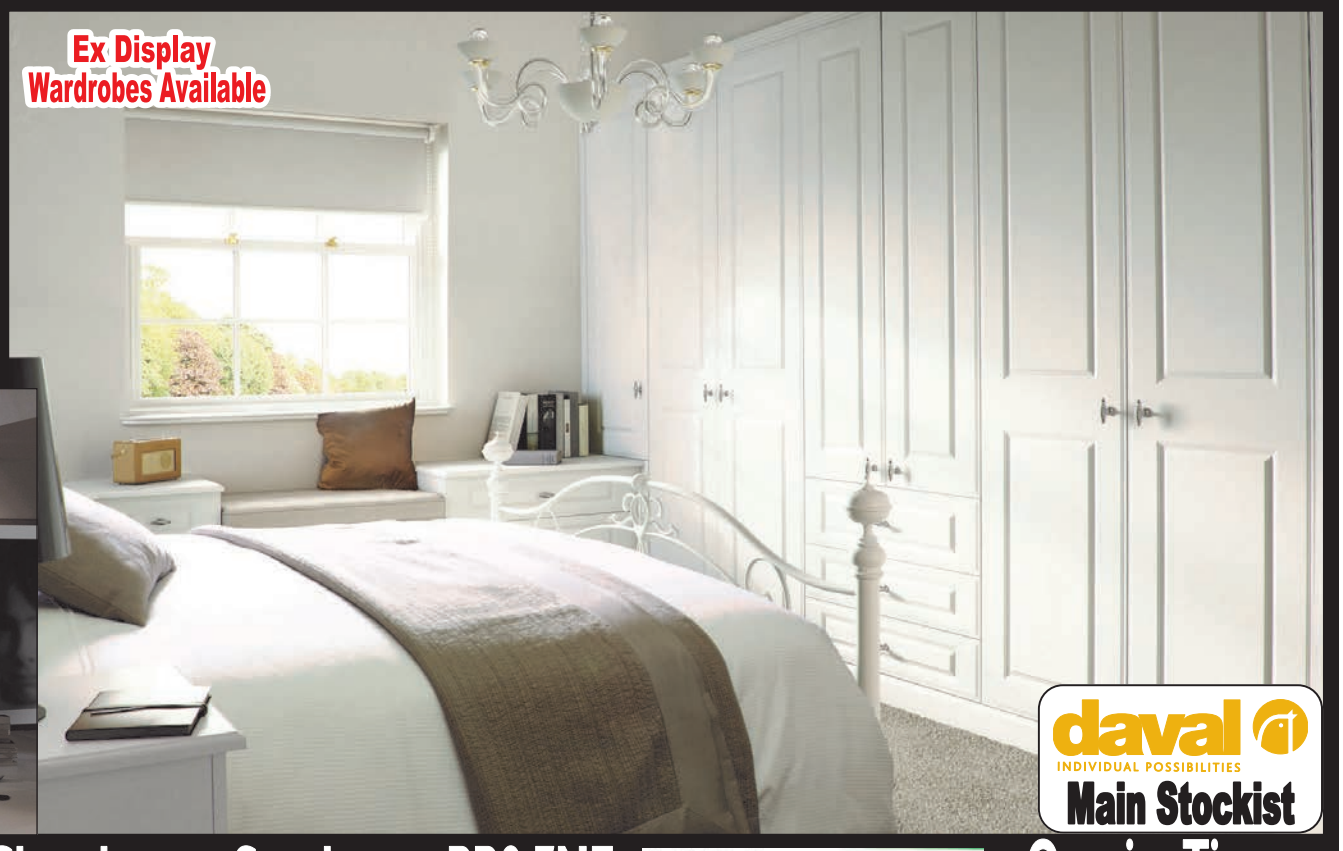

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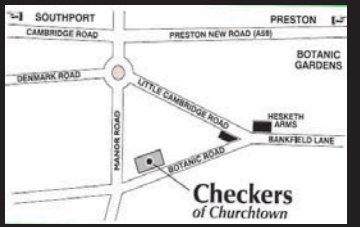

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County council in call for more foster carers

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is appealing for more people to become foster carers.

More than 1,500 children and young people, most who have suffered neglect or abuse, are looked after by the council, the majority of them placed with foster carers.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I recently heard about Lillian, one of our carers, who is currently looking after four sisters from the same family. When the girls went to her they were physically in a poor condition and had endured years of uncertainty and neglect.

"Under her loving care, they have blossomed. They no longer fight each other for attention and use bad language, but treat each other with respect. They hold their heads up instead of hiding behind a curtain of hair. They are thrilled with things most children take for granted – clean clothes, eating out, family get–togethers, presents at Christmas.

Challenge

"When I hear these things, it underlines for me the role that I and my fellow county councillors have as 'corporate parents' for looked–after children. It's our job to care for them in the way we would for our own children. The best way to do this is to find them a family where they will be safe, secure and happy.

More safe, loving homes needed for neglected chidren

"We need more foster carers like Lillian, a single lady who isn't afraid of a challenge. Foster carers come from all walks of life, which is good, because so do our children.

"I'd like to ask people everywhere in Lancashire to think about whether they could foster for us. They could make all the difference in the world to a child – or children – who need a home."

Lillian, who started fostering for Lancashire County Council after having spent many years working with people in different ways, said: "I enjoy everything about fostering, particularly seeing the girls overcome their fears, seeing them progress, gain confidence. Seeing them laugh and smile together, and now treat each other with respect.

"The youngest, at ten, had very limited knowledge and now we have a geography lesson every day while in the car. She now knows what the countryside is and that a crow is not a robin, and also why an apple has a leaf on, and where it comes from and so on."

Anyone wanting to find out more about how to become a foster carer, what it entails and the financial allowances, can visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 195 1183.

PepsiCo boss helps youngsters learn about careers in Science and Maths

A MEMBER of the management team at a Skelmersdale–based snack foods company has been helping teenagers to learn about the wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The Teen Tech event saw more than 300 youngsters from over 30 schools across the North West given the opprtunity to interact with local and national STEM ambassadors, including Lydia Still, finance manager at PepsiCo Walker's site at Pennine Place.

During the event the learners were able to immerse themselves in a range of activities including hands–on exhibits and challenges.

A team of PepsiCo apprentices and engineers delivered a workshop revolving around a fun board game which tested the pupils' maths and science knowledge while illustrating the process of a popular Walkers snack from production to delivery.

Held at the University of Manchester, this was the second TeenTech event which sees education business partnerships, universities and businesses such as PepsiCo collaborating to help the 'X Factor' generation realise their true potential and the opportunities available in the contemporary STEM workplace.

Lydia said: "It's important to educate teenagers about STEM opportunities in the workplace as they are the workforce of tomorrow. Too often, young people don't know about the great jobs out there. Hopefully this event will make them consider career paths they may not have known about."

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Child sex abuser showed 'not a jot of shame or remorse'

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MAN who carried out a catalogue of sexual abuse, including rapes, against six children and young women received a 24 year sentence.

Eric Fenlon was told by a judge that he had not shown "a jot of remorse or shame."

The 55–year–old of Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale, had been convicted of 34 sexual offences spanning 20 years after a two week trial.

He was jailed for 19 years with five years extended sentence and ordered to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life.

"You left in your wake a trail of utter distress and lost innocence and you continued to commit offences even after the police had become involved and you no doubt thought you had got away with it," said Judge Clement Goldstone, QC, the Recorder of Liverpool.

He said he had moved on "to find new victims as an outlet for your lust for young girls and women thinking you were above the law and untouchable and behaved as if you were continuing to commit offences less serious but nevertheless creating psychological distress.

"You must now pay the price."

He added that he poses a high risk of causing at least serious psychological harm and the public and particularly young girls must be protected from him. He imposed an indefinite Sexual Offences Prevention Order banning him from unsupervised contact with children.

Fenlon, a building worker, had been convicted of 15 rape offences involving three girls, one attempted rape, 11 offences of indecent assault and seven of sexual assault

Eric Fenlon.

During his trial Keith Sutton, prosecuting, told a Liverpool Crown Court jury that the first offences occurred in 1990 when he sexually abused an 11–year–old girl, who he knew had previously been abused by another man, and he continued to abuse her for the next two years.

In about 1995 he raped a 14–year–old girl and two years later began indecently assaulting another girl aged just six and systematically repeatedly raped her between the ages of eight and 16.

She reported him to the police but withdrew her allegations following family pressure and Fenlon threatened her and went on to again rape her.

Fenlon sexually assaulted girls aged 14 and 15 between 2004 and 2006 and sexually touched an 18–year–old on one occasion and abused another girl aged about 17 on three occasions.

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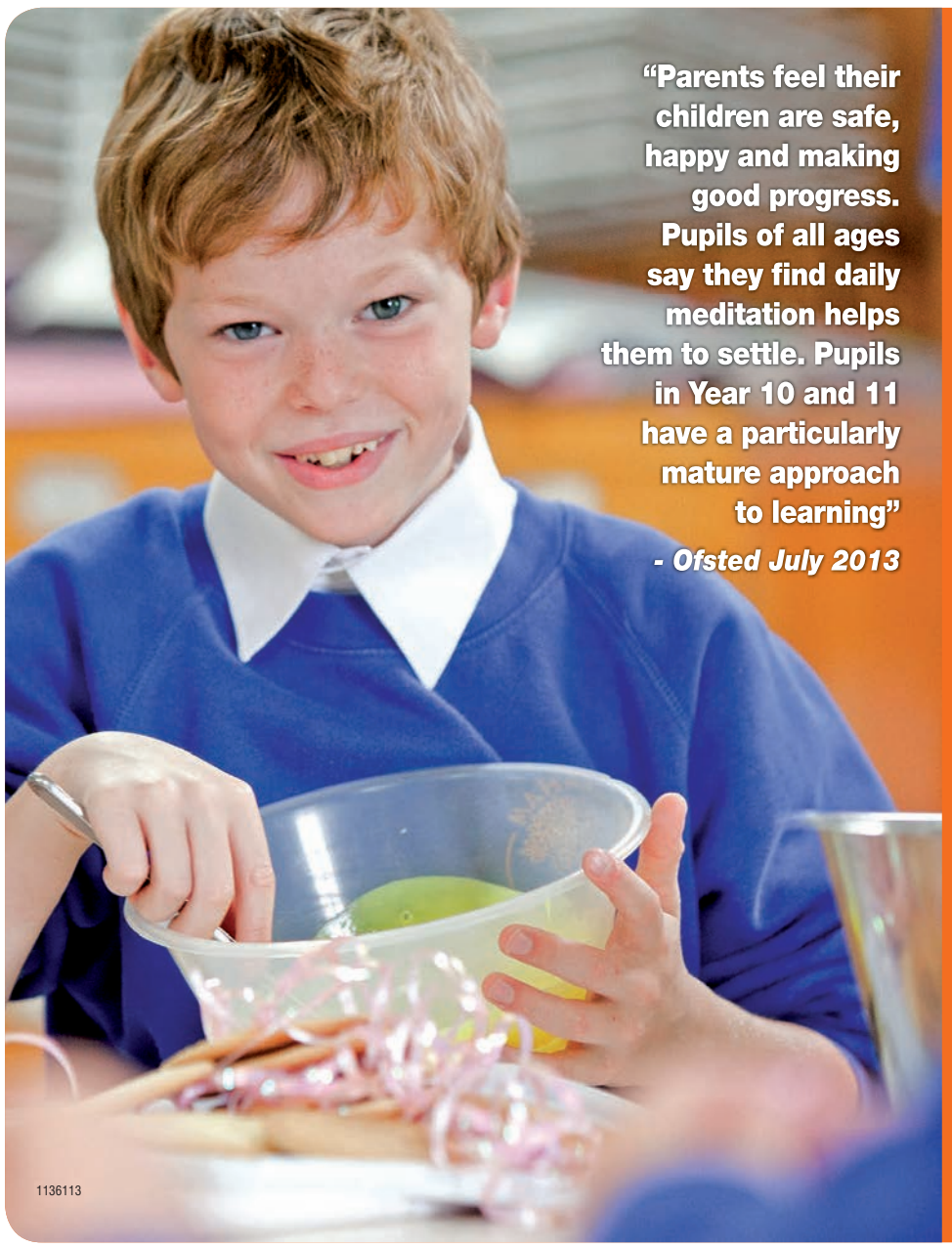
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Withdrawn bus route was a godsend to residents

I am writing to enlist help to publicise the withdrawal of the bus service from the Whalley estate in Aughton.

The service is a godsend to residents especially older people who find it difficult to get around. I live on Whalley Drive and use the bus many times in any week. I have spoken to other residents who tell me that they will not be able to walk to the railway station to get to Ormskirk.

The government urges older people to remain mobile – travel – be social – volunteer – and join groups.

How ironic that councils are allowed to cut these lifelines, and how unjust that these are the same people who endured the deprivations of the war – and long after the war was over.

Surely this cannot be allowed to happen.

Colin Code, Aughton.

Services will be decimated by cuts

As a result of government cuts in the support for local authorities, bus services in West Lancashire and the entire county will be decimated.

There will be no buses at all in Burscough and the only buses in West Lancashire will be the Southport–Wigan service. The government as usual will hope the people blame the local authority for the cuts.

Similarly the government will hope the 25% rise in rail fares in the last four years will be laid on the privatised rail companies whereas much is due to a reduction in government support for the railways.

J. M. Berry, Aughton.

Oh, woe is Edge Hill student!

Mr Cooksley, a second year Education Psychology student, writes about having to move back to residences at Edge Hill University due to the increasing costs of living in Ormskirk – oh, woe is him!

Has he ever considered the residents in Ormskirk paying rent, working all hours to make ends meet, and the increasing cost of day to day living?

Residents have to pay council tax, students don't. Woe is him!

Have a thought for the tax paying residents who are paying for you to go to university and working their guts out to make ends meet.

Concerned Resident, Ormskirk

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No logic in giving Advent calendars to less well–off

Regarding the story about Advent calendars for the food bank.

While I congratulate the children at St Mark's School in Scarisbrick for their enthusiasm in helping less well–off children, I do question the logic behind giving Advent calendars.

What advice does Ms Freeman suggest the parents/guardians tell the recipients after they open the last window?

To those relying on the food banks the reality is that Christmas is bleak for many children and there may well have been no food on the table, let alone presents to be opened.

It seems that the giving of Advent calendars is putting an unnecessary pressure on families who are already under tremendous strain just to feed their families.

Elaine Clark, Skelmersdale

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Battle for town centre really infuriates me

WHEN I read about the battle between two contractors over who is going to do what in Skelmersdale, it really infuriates me.

What Skelmersdale urgently needs is a railway station, first and foremost.

All other considerations should take second place. The town should be revamped around a railway station and everything else should be put on hold until the station is a reality.

As for recreation needs in Skelmersdale, I do not believe that cinemas and restaurants are a priority either.

What is needed are things like a roller/ice skating rink(s) and a ten–pin bowling alley. The money should be spent on these forms of family involved entertainment.

If a railway station is built then people will be able to come in to Skelmersdale and enjoy family outings/entertainment, along with local residents.

Please do not put the cart before the horse and ruin a once–in–a–lifetime opportunity to make Skelmersdale what it should be. A proud town with a view to one day achieving city status.

Ron Webster, Skelmersdale

False statements must be challenged

A RECENT letter in the Champion attempted to smear UKIP with false statements that cannot go unchallenged.

UKIP have the highest number of MEP's of any UK Party (24) after winning the recent European elections. All will take their places in the European Parliament and work hard on behalf of their constituents in the United Kingdom with opposition to the vast bureaucratic nightmare that is Brussels.

To suggest that the 9,170 West Lancs' voters and the 481,937 in the North West who voted for UKIP in the European Elections are in some way bigots or extremists is so far from the truth as to be laughable.

Our democratic process allows people to vote for the party that best serves their interests and the interests of their country and this is what has happened. Recent by–elections have also been won with considerable majorities.

Our Independence, that was fought for in two world wars, has gradually been surrendered by our politicians without our permission. UKIP demand that a referendum on our membership takes place so that the people can have their say and the United Kingdom be restored to a self governing country that so many lost their lives to protect. The voters of West Lancashire were right to try to protect their children and grandchildren against further mass immigration which is putting massive strain on our NHS, schools, housing and benefit system. Whilst we are members of the European Union we cannot control our borders and any citizens of the other 27 member countries are allowed to enter.

UKIP welcomes immigrants who make a positive contribution to our country but further mass uncontrolled immigration will only cause further problems in our small island.

The West Lancashire voters who backed UKIP certainly knew what they were voting for and should be proud they have found the courage to say 'enough is enough'.

Calling UKIP voters and supporters names and making false accusations only serves to show how weak the arguments of our opponents are.

If you would like to hear the truth our meetings are open to all.

Tony Green
Chairman
UKIP West Lancs

We need a town fit for purpose

I WANT to comment on what has proved to be a hot topic of late in Skelmersdale – what seems to be the competition between St Modwen and the Concourse to develop the town centre.

For a moment I'd love people to stop pretending that the Concourse hasn't been failing the town miserably for years, which it has.

As a shopping centre itself, its empty units just add to the horrible feeling inside.

It hasn't seen redecoration in too long and it's no wonder new companies don't want to open shops in the town given the state of that shopping centre at the moment.

Skelmersdale needs an actual town centre which is why I am fully supportive of the St Modwen plans for the town.

I still don't agree that the answer to the town's problems is a cinema. For almost everything, we have to head out of town.

Want a night out with your friends, dancing away until the small hours? You'll need a taxi to a neighbouring town or city.

Want to shop at an alternative to Asda? Yes, out of town for that too.

We blame the children in this town for all of the crimes they commit without realising that the teens in this town really don't have anything to do at the moment – although hopefully that will change with the new Youth Zone next to the Concourse.

The people of this town would like to be able to 'window shop.' By that I mean going around to different shops and being able to treat yourself, as opposed to what is available at the Concourse at the moment whereby you can only realistically buy what you need to live.

The Concourse have these plans they want us to approve where they would build a cinema and some other units. If not, they say, we face losing the Concourse – well, good! It's about time that they had to step up their game.

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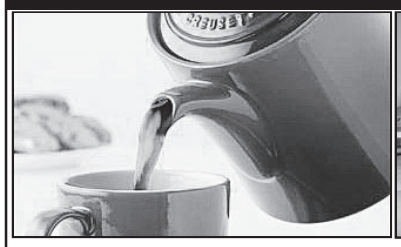

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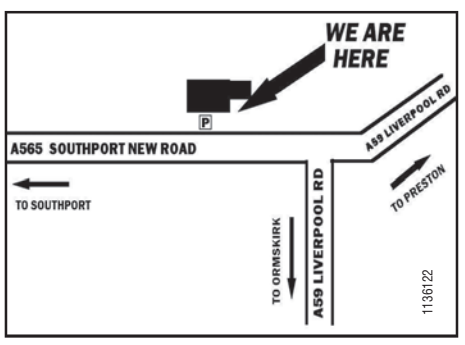

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Campaign to recruit more health visitors

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has launched a campaign to recruit more health visitors.

A government initiative has revised the way people can become health visitors, which is attracting a new generation of people who want to help new families in their child's early development years.

There are a number of routes into the role, ranging from undertaking a nursing degree at university followed by a one–year conversion course, to vocational training and learning on the job.

Vicky Ainscough, a health visitor with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, started her career as a nursery nurse before going to university to qualify as a paediatric nurse.

However, she decided she wanted to work within the community and have the opportunity to provide longer term support to families during their baby's early development years and went back to university to complete her health visitor training.

Vicky said: "My favourite part of the job is really getting to know the families and helping new parents adapt to the role of parenting. If you are passionate and committed to making a difference to children and families and want to influence change then this is the job for you!"

If you are interested in becoming a health visitor or would like more information, visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk or telephone Isobel Walton on 01282 648274. The team are currently accepting applications until Monday, January 5 with interviews taking place on Thursday, January 15.

Students get lessons in healthy living

PULSES were racing when students at Midstream Vocational College, Skelmersdale organised a healthy living week.

Students prepared for the event by learning about how to stay healthy then planned a range of activities including yoga, smoothie–making, relaxation techniques and a pulse rate challenge.

Other learners at the college, which provides opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities to progress towards a more independent adult life, were invited to take part in the activities and experience a holistic approach to leading a healthy life.

Staff and students pictured during their Healthy Living week. Code1074027

During the week, the students were responsible for running the activities and teacher, Nicola Dilworth, said it was a great success. She added: "Everybody worked extremely hard and people really enjoyed the activities organised by the students."

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Financial support for small businesses – where to start?

As a small business owner, what keeps you awake at night? For many, balancing the books is top of the list. Healthy finances are crucial to allow you to both invest in your business whilst protecting it from what the future may bring. Fortunately, there is a range of government support available to help your business to be secure and most importantly, grow.

One example of a small business which has received government financial support is Trunki. Their innovatively designed products (including their famous children's suitcase) have enabled them to access a range of government products and services, helping them to take huge leaps as a business.

"Trunki has received government support in a number of ways." explains Rob Law, founder of Trunki. "Firstly, we worked hard to re-shore our manufacturing to our plastics moulding factory in Plymouth, allowing us to benefit from The Patent Box scheme."

The Patent Box enables companies to apply a lower rate of corporation tax to profits earned from patented inventions. It is being phased in over a four-year period and once the full benefit of the Patent Box is in effect (from April 2017) it will result in a ten per cent rate of corporation tax being applied to such returns.

"We have always applied for patents for all of our products to build up our IP portfolio, it's one of the most valuable assets we have" said Law. "This scheme is brilliant, allowing us to re-invest more of our earnings back into the business. It motivated us to stay in the UK and not to offshore. It rewards inventive companies too, which can only be a good thing."

"Secondly, we received government support through R&D tax credits for the development of our BoostAPak children's car seat and for the re-engineered version of our Trunki suitcases, which is now easier to manufacture in the UK and to recycle."

There are many types of financial support available to businesses with ambitions to grow. As well as the increasing variety of finance sources now available (such as crowdfunding, bank loans and peer-to-peer lending) there are many government schemes and incentives (on top of those Trunki accessed) devised to help small businesses secure the funding they need to succeed.

For example, your business may be eligible for financial support packages such as the Enterprise Investment Scheme, SMART grants or Social Investment Tax Relief. Or perhaps your business needs the support to secure initial funding to help turn your idea into a reality.

To learn about all of the finance options available to you and your business, and for more detail on how the government can support you financially, visit www.greatbusiness.gov.uk/finance

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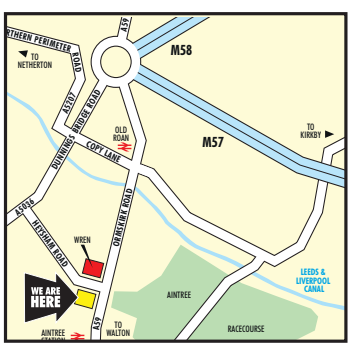

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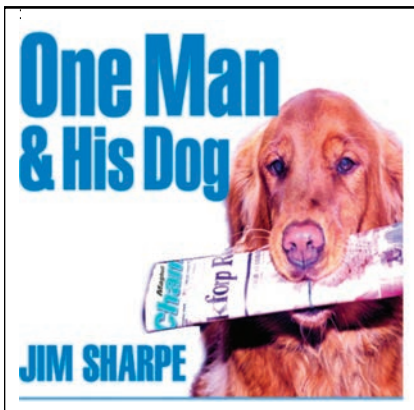

Twice shamed Cinders may have learned her lesson

GOD, it is said, moves in mysterious ways, his miracles to perform.

And with just a tad of luck and fingers crossed, I think a minor Miracle after Christmas may just have taken place in the Family Sharpe.

For despite my assurances last week that I would make sure that Cinders, the young Rough Collie I inherited from my late brother, would be kept well away from anything edible she might just pinch during my Christmas Day festivities, I confess I failed miserably.

Our Christmas tea, slated as being a large slice of cold dinnertime duck and ham was somewhat curtailed when the piece of duck disappeared from the kitchen before it even got onto the table.

So the hairy culprit was banished to her room and missed out on tea with Tina (my original Collie) and me.

But the Christmas spirit shone through, and the (hopefully) repentant Cinders was invited back into the fold for a shortish evening stroll in the drizzle and later to a supper designed to end our Christmas over–indulgence.

Trouble was, the chunk of ham I'd saved for both dogs disappeared from the Festive Board before I'd even taken my seat at table.

So it was back to the cooler and an early bedtime for the twice–shamed Cinders. I nearly gave up all hope of ever reforming her gluttonous (and ultimately self–defeating) ways.

But, (fingers crossed!) Boxing Day dawned to an apparently rehabilitated young canine.

The three of us got through lunch and tea with nothing disappearing into the inner Cinders but that she was given.

Better still in some ways, she also stopped snapping at biscuits and bits of mince pie proffered later whilst watching TV.

Now the cynic me knows full well that Cinders probably still cannot be trusted any further than I could throw her (and at four stone or so that wouldn't be far).

But it showed, I hope, that at last the message was getting through that, a) unpleasant things happen when she transgresses, and b) that on the other hand, waiting for her share meant a better time altogether in the long run.

Let's hope so, because, as I said last week, I hate to dampen Cinders' perpetually optimistic outlook on life or do anything to quench her happy little existence.

Certainly she really does seem to have taken the point, so we'll just have to cross our paws and see what happens.

Talking of things happening, I took Tina and Cinders for their Boxing Day evening constitutional at 9pm.

It was cold. But between our setting off when there were puddles where snow had attempted to settle, and our getting half–way round a three–mile course, ice was forming on said puddles even as you watched.

I have never been in on the actual start of a freeze–up quite like that ever before.

Obviously the temperature must have dropped several degrees as we walked.

As soon as I have finished this column, I intend taking the dogs for a walk in the sun down the canal bank to see if there is any sign of ice on the waterway.

Not once did any proper ice form on the canal last winter. And if it doesn't this winter, then I may truly begin to believe in Global Warming.

Ain't that sweet!

THERE was an extra sweet treat in store for youngsters at a chldren's hospice – thanks to the generosity of customers and staff at an Ormskirk supermarket.

Employees at the Iceland store in Aughton Street encouraged shoppers to donate chocolate or sweets to a designated trolley at the entrance during the run–up to Christmas.

The contents were then to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Liverpool which provides 'home from home' environments for babies and infants aged up to five years who have life–limiting or life–threatening conditions.

Iceland employee, Gary Smith, said: "When we heard about the baby hospice, we were really touched and wanted to help. We always make a Christmas collection. Last year it was for the Ormskirk Foodbank but this year we chose to make it all sweets and chocolates so that the brothers and sisters of the youngsters being treated at the hospice could have a little treat too.

"We also had money donated as a result of staff doing bag–packs and we spent this on a big cuddly penguin which will live at the hospice – as well as more chocolate. Our customers have been so generous and I know that most of them made more than one donation."

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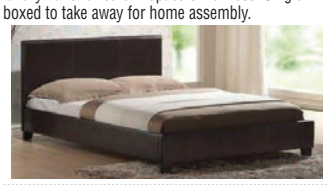

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Circus by adults group is a big hit

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CIRCUS devised by adults with additional needs was a hit with audiences at Burscough Wharf.

The Delilah Star Super Circus was written by members of the Domino Partnership's creative arts sessions which provides creative arts, training, support and work experience for people with additional needs.

The group stared work in September on the circus project and wrote the script and developed the acts.

They also created the set and costumes for the show which took place in a 'big top' in the Arts Centre at the Wharf. Edward McCarthy, one of the support staff for a project member, said: "The circus was brilliant. Everyone worked really hard and it was great to see how impressed all the audience were about the performance."

Sandy Tyrer from Domino Partnerships said: "It's been brilliant working with the group and seeing them grow in confidence.

"The performance was a professional piece of theatre that developed using the group's ideas.

"We look forward to January and staging our next project which is called Wharfer Street: The Soap Opera."

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Pupils hit right note with care home residents

RESIDENTS at Birch Green Care Home in Skelmersdale enjoyed a selection of Christmas carols, courtesy of the Brass Band and Singing Club from St James' Catholic Primary School.

Headteacher, Dave Iliff said: "Playing and singing for the residents was a fabulous experience for our children."

Staff and residents enjoyed listening to the children who had made Christmas cards for them and the pupils were given a treat of crisps and a drink before returning to school.

Pupils from St James' at Birch Green Care Home **Code NA**

MP backs call for town garden of remembrance

A CALL for Skelmersdale to have a garden of remembrance where residents can place the ashes of their loved ones and pay their respects in pleasant surroundings has been backed by the borough's MP.

David Symons from Ashurst was prompted to contact the Champion folllowing a recent visit to Southport crematorium.

And although the lack of burial facilities in West Lancashire is a long–standing issue, he believes a memorial garden would be fairly easy to establish.

He said: "I recently visited Southport crematorium and basically it's a small piece of woodland with a few paths and plinths manufactured to provide a beautiful place in which to leave ashes and provides a peaceful pleasant surrounding in which to sit with deceased loved ones.

"It seems so simple it begs the question, why can't Skelmersdale – or come to that, every town – have something similar? How hard can it be?"

Currently there is no burial or crematorium provision within the borough and residents have to pay a non–residential premium when using facilities in neighbouring boroughs.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper backed the idea of a remembrance garden but continued to press for the borough to have its own cemetery and crematorium. She said: "I completely agree that West Lancashire should have a place for families to scatter the ashes of their loved ones as they have at Southport Crematorium. But alongside it we also need a cemetery and crematorium."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said : "The council has regularly engaged in dialogue with the owners of the site at Pippin Street, Burscough, to facilitate the delivery of a cemetery and crematorium. Recent discussions have been very positive and so the council remain optimistic that this scheme with still go ahead.

"The council are, however, equally happy to engage with other individuals or organisations about cemetery provision in the borough."

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Schools team up for joint carol service

Headteachers Mr Kershaw and Mr Hennigan with some of the children from the two schools

TWO primary schools from Skelmersdale came together to celebrate Christmas with a joint carol service.

One hundred pupils from St Edmund's Catholic Primary School walked the short distance to Trinity CE/Methodist school for the annual service.

The children from St Edmund's were welcomed into the classes at Trinity and then made their way to the school hall.

The teachers made sure that the children were fully integrated and the children from St Edmund's enjoyed sitting with their friends from Trinity.

The schools took it in turns to sing Christmas songs and enjoyed joining in with the songs from the other school.

Some of the children had been learning about the Christmas truce of 1914 and both schools joined together singing Silent Night, with some of the older children singing it in German.

Richard Kershaw, headteacher at Trinity, said: "The annual visit by the children of St Edmund's and the children singing carols together always helps me to remember the true meaning of Christmas."

And Dermot Hennigan, headteacher of St Edmund' school, added: "It is wonderful to see the children singing together. Even when school is so busy, it is the first event that we put in the diary."

Elsa and Anna at Bishop Martin CE primary Code NA

Pupils' treat

STAFF at Bishop Martin CE Primary School in Skelmersdale decided that the pupils needed an extra–special Christmas treat for all their hard work.

So they arranged for the Elsa and Anna characters from the Disney film, Frozen, to visit the school.

During a whole school sing–along, the children were amazed as the characters came to life in the school hall.

Church stages Christmas Tree Festival

THE congregation at St James Church, Westhead held their first Christmas Tree Festival with local groups and businesses exhibiting trees decorated with their own theme.

Lathom Park Trust decorated their tree to depict the history of Lathom from 1485 to present day with photos of the Earls of Derby up the 10th earl and photos of the Earls of Lathom from 1735 until 1924 when the estate was sold off.

Reverend John Sephton and Reverend Graeme Milford attended the festival along with special guest, Westhead resident Lilian Payne, who is 90 years old.

Reverend John Sephton with helpers at the Christmas Tree Festival Code NA

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Uni's gift boost for refuge

MORE than 300 presents have been donated by staff and students at Edge Hill University to a local women's refuge.

The university's main Christmas tree became a 'Giving Tree' decorated with tags listing numerous gift ideas for women and children of all ages, which staff and students picked and bought to give as a donation.

Aisling Benson, Edge Hill staff well–being officer, said: "We are delighted with the response we have received from both staff and students regarding this initiative. We hope that it will bring a little happiness to the women and children in the refuge."

Over the festive period Edge Hill is also collecting and donating items to Ormskirk Foodbank.

Staff and students at Edge Hill University with donated gifts around the Giving Tree **Code NA**

The winning team from Holland Moor primary **Code NA**

Primary pupils net town title

YEAR 6 pupils at Holland Moor Primary in Skelmersdale are celebrating after winning a town netball competition.

In the High Fives tournament held at Glenburn Sports College the Holland Moor squad bounced back from a 3–1 loss to St Thomas to beat St Richard's 5–0 and Bishop Martin 4–0 to win the title. They will now take on the winners of the Ormskirk and Tarleton event for a place in a national competition.

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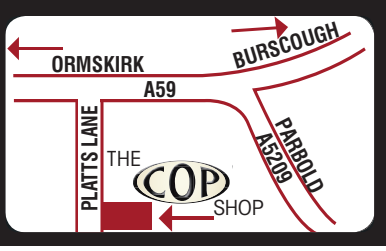

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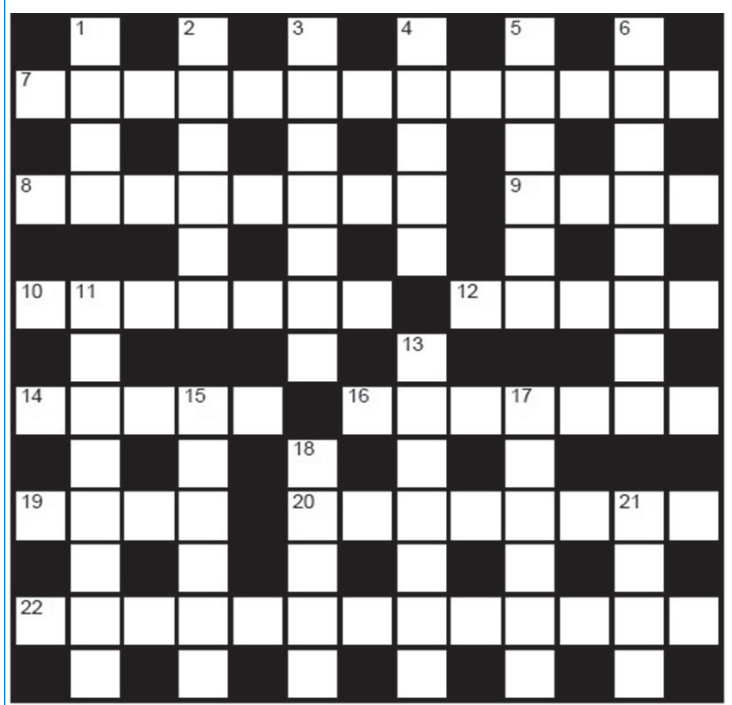

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Across: 7 Option. 8 Heifer. 9 Unit. 10 Unsought. 11 Arrears. 13 Parry. 15 Throe. 17 Steeply. 20 Gnomonic. 21 Five. 22 Mental. 23 Unmask.
Down: 1 Opener. 2 Jilt. 3 Enquiry. 4 Chose. 5 Simulate. 6 Tether. 12 Enormity. 14 Stuck-up. 16 Hunted. 18 Lavish. 19 Angle. 20 Fume.

ACROSS

7 Nupitals between people of different races, castes, or religions (13)
8 Explosive substance (8)
9 Long pointed external tooth found in animals such as the elephant and walrus (4)
10 Unable or not needing to sleep (7)
12 Set of beliefs or principles (5)
14 A playing card which is elevated above its normal rank in trick-taking games (5)
16 Sequin (7)
19 Unexpected or hidden obstacle (4)
20 Weakening by the addition of water or a thinner (8)
22 Person who works for the state or local government (6,7)

DOWN

1 To feel discontent by another's success (4)
2 Representative of the Pope (6)
3 Sacrilegious, profane (7)
4 An appliance that removes moisture by heating or other process (5)
5 Good working order (6)
6 Thin or fragile China (8)
11 Traveller in a flying craft (8)
13 Put to practical use (7)
15 In Harry Potter books, someone who does not have magical ability (6)
17 Local inhabitant (6)
18 Bring out, develop (5)
21 Grunting sound of a pig (4)

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Gun amnesty campaign hailed

By **Henry James**

A TOTAL of 103 prohibited guns and 3,419 rounds of ammunition were handed into Lancashire Police during a recent two week 'Op Holster' amnesty.

Officers collected a haul of 46 shotguns, 41 various air guns, pistols and five rifles. Also taken to police stations were eight revolvers and three self–loading pistols, in addition to various calibres of live ammunition.

A week long opportunity for people to surrender unwanted firearms and ammunition began on November 10 and owing to its success it was extended for a further week.

Some items will be submitted to NABIS (National Ballistics Intelligence Service) and after any evidential issues have been explored the majority of the items will be destroyed.

However there are some historical pieces, including First World War weapons and several rare American produced guns that the force will donate to organisations including the Royal Armouries and accredited government "proof houses".

Selection of shotguns and air rifles **Code NA**

Superintendent Jon Puttock said: "The gun surrender has been a great success for Lancashire Police. Clearly it's concerning to see so many dangerous weapons on the street but taking these firearms and ammunition out of circulation can only be a good thing.

"We have also had lots of interesting and historic items handed in, including a stun gun disguised as torch and some of the firearms date back to the first and second World Wars.

"A replica revolver was brought in after been found while clearing a deceased relatives house, in addition to two 12 bore shotguns and ammunition that was also found whilst clearing out another deceased relatives house some time ago.

"Many of the weapons are old but many remain live and if fired are capable of killing. All it would take is one burglary for a gun to be stolen and end up in criminal hands.

"Communities hold the key to helping reduce firearms related crime and if you know of people involved in illegal firearms activity call the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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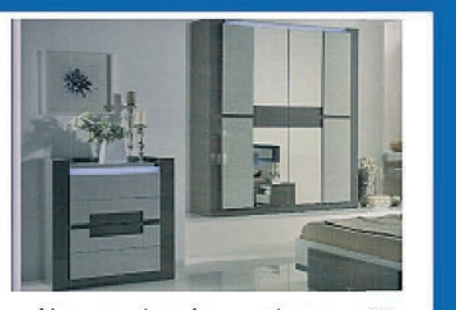

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Support for older people initiative

By Danielle Thompson

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper is backing a campaign which seeks to place a minister to represent older people in the Cabinet.

She is supporting the national Grey Pride campaign to install an Older People's Minister in the Cabinet.

The MP has been working with Skelmersdale West County Councillor Terry Aldridge, who is the Older People's Champion at Lancashire County Council to gather signatures for the petition and lobby the government to create the post of Minister for Older People.

The petition by the Local Authority Elected Member Older People's Champions Network North West, drew in further signatures recently following a drive to sign people up at the Concourse in Skelmersdale.

There are now over 137,000 signatures calling for the government post, with Labour already having appointed a Shadow Minister for Older People. Rosie has also signed EDM 1907 alongside 83 cross–party MPs backing the call for the appointment.

MP Rosie Cooper with Councillor Terry Aldridge, who gathered signatures for the petition Code NA

On November 20, The Telegraph published a letter calling for an Older People's Minister, co–signed by MP Rosie and Chief Executives from Anchor (the Grey Pride campaign organisers), Care England, Independent Age and many other organisations and MPs.

The role of Minister for Older People is needed as Rosie believes that the Government should do more to tackle the social and economic challenges facing older people and to give older people a voice. The Government needs to co–ordinate services including employment, pensions, housing and healthcare by creating a dedicated Minister for Older People

Rosie Cooper said: "I'm delighted to support the Grey Pride campaign and the work of our local Older People's Champion, Terry Aldridge, in their efforts to have an Older People's Minister sat at the Cabinet table influencing government.

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MP passes on festive greetings to postmen

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper passed on her Christmas greetings to postmen and women at the Ormskirk Delivery Office when she popped in last week, on one of the busiest weeks of the year.

She was shown around the Delivery Office and was introduced to the workers, who were working hard sorting and delivering mail in the run–up to Christmas.

Rosie Cooper said: "It was great to meet postmen and women at Royal Mail's Ormskirk delivery office and see first–hand just how much effort they put into delivering for people at this time of year.

"Our postal workers do such an important job at this time of year and help to deliver Christmas for many people and families in West Lancashire.

MP Rosie Cooper with postal workers at the Ormskirk Delivery Office Code NA

"I would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them all the best over the busy festive period."

Ann Marie Topping, Royal Mail Delivery Office manager at Ormskirk, commented: "Our postmen and women worked extremely hard to deliver Christmas cards, letters and parcels to people across Ormskirk. We are grateful that Rosie visited the office to see our operation and to support the team during our busiest time of year."

Smokers encouraged not to light up in playgrounds

SMOKERS across the UK have been encouraged not to light up in playgrounds in a bid to try and stop children picking up the habit.

Lancashire County Council is teaming up with borough and city councils to introduce the voluntary Smokefree Play Code, which will see smokefree signs installed in the children's play areas within parks.

Parks staff will also be provided with training and resources to inform people about the code and the stop smoking services that can give them support to quit.

Nationally, an estimated 300,000 children under the age of 16 try cigarettes each year.

Research shows that many of them take up the habit because they copy adults' behaviour.

The code will be introduced in West Lancashire over the next year.

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Travellers were given free breakfasts during the one–day Big Breakfast event on Tuesday, December 16, provided by the men's 'Fella–ship' group from St John the Baptist Church, School Lane, Burscough, in partnership with the station staff.

The volunteers from St John's opened the café and set up tables on the platforms to hand out free tea, coffee and breakfast pastries, helping to warm up around 150 chilly traingoers and train staff.

Ian Jones, curate at St John's said: "This was a great opportunity for us to do something a bit different and show some Christmas goodwill to the community. We gave out free hot drinks and snacks and the men gave their time for nothing and we received plenty of thanks and warmth from everyone in return.

"Of course, we also hope some of the commuters will have taken the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and maybe think about joining us at one of our services over the festive period."

Reverend Richard Jones serves up hot drinks for commuters. Photograph by Mike Downey

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So at the end of May this year I picked up the courage to rejoin my local group feeling nervous - I needn't have been though, the atmosphere was amazing and everyone was so friendly. I made a decision to always stay to group as it was always fun, uplifting and supportive, especially if I ever had a tough week. I got loads of practical advice and tons of encouragement till I eventually achieved the target weight I chose.

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"So if you've made a New Year's resolution to lose weight give Slimming World a go. You can find your local group on the attached advert. Believe me you'll be glad you did," adds Chris.

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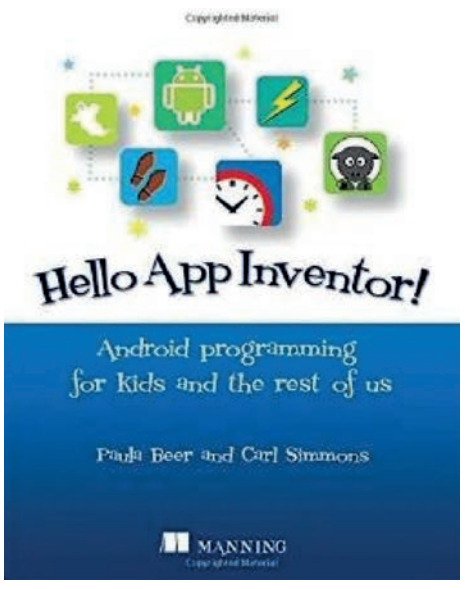
Edge Hill duo aim to put app developers on 'write' lines



Hello App Inventor! By Paula Beer and Carl Simmons

TWO Edge Hill University academics have co–authored a book aimed at budding young smartphone app developers.

Hello App Inventor! by Paula Beer and Carl Simmons has been released by US–based publishers Manning and features more than 30 fun 'invent–it–yourself' projects.

The book starts with the building blocks needed to create practice apps before giving readers the skills to bring their own app ideas to life using the App Inventor programming language developed and maintained by Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Using the book children can create animated characters, games, experiments, magic tricks, and even a Zombie Alarm clock, as well as learning to use advanced phone features.

Paula Beer, who lectures in computing and IT at Edge Hill, said: "After talking to teachers and conducting our own research, Carl and I found that there were not many app inventor resources out there for teachers and pupils to use in schools. The idea for the book came about as we both felt this needed to be addressed."

And computing subject co–ordinator Carl added: "We worked with focus groups of young people who came up with app ideas they would like to see, some of which have made it into the final book. The 'homework excuse generator' and anything with added zombies were particular favourites!"

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Family support charity seeks more volunteers

Home Start volunteers are presented with their training certificates by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and her Consort Councillor Ruth Melling

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Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE West Lancashire branch of a national charity that helps parents to build better lives for their children is appealing for more volunteers.

Home–Start helps families with young children, supporting parents as they learn to cope and improve their confidence.

Support can be offered in the families' own homes for two to three hours each week or through one of the four Family Support Groups in the area manned by trained and supervised volunteers.

A group of volunteers recently completed a course of preparation and were presented with certificates by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson. Now local organisers are seeking more volunteers to come forward.

Carole Lee, manager of Home–Start West Lancashire, said: "We are delighted that the Home–Start service is now up and running in West Lancs. We have had some fantastic volunteers coming forward to support families. The service not only benefits families with young children, it can also be a stepping stone for volunteers into paid work or other training opportunities."

The scheme is looking to recruit more volunteers who would like to help Home–Start to support families in the families own homes. The work would suit a parent or grandparent who would like to support a local family or someone who would like some experience of supporting families in order to move on to future paid work in this field.

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Douglas Music to open its New Year season

Report by
Henry James

DOUGLAS Music, Parbold opens its New Year season on Saturday, January 10, at 7.45pm in Parbold Village Hall with a rapidly rising star of the cello, Jane Lindsay, whom the artistic director of the Royal College of Music describes as 'compelling with true artistry and a personality which engages all audiences'.

Jane Lindsay started at Chetham's, Manchester, and recently gained a Master degree from the Royal College of Music, from which she graduated with a First Class Honours BMus. Degree and several major prizes.

She has appeared both as soloist and chamber musician at venues including the Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room and Cadogan Hall, as well as at major festivals across the UK and Europe and with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the 2014 BBC Proms.

She appears with Alison Rhind on piano who is a renowned specialist coach for new talent and one of the leading collaborative pianists.

Alison Rhind was also educated at the Chetham's, Manchester, Oxford University and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. After twelve years teaching at the Yehudi Menuhin School she was head–hunted by the Kronberg Akademie, Germany, famed for its cello teaching.

She has formed ongoing partnerships with the violinists, Alina Ibragimova and Nicola Benedetti who have both performed in Douglas Music's Parbold seasons. She also coaches students in Oslo and Singapore and many students are sent to her for duo–coaching, notably the winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2012 competition, Laura van der Heijden. She is the official accompanist for the BBC's Young Musician of the Year competition and the Aberdeen Festival of Youth.

Jane Lindsay's and Alison Rhind's programme displays their talents in equal measure. Rachmaninov's Cello Sonata, technically demanding for both performers, is rich in lyrical and expressive melodies.

Beethoven's Horn Sonata is a rare treat, seldom heard in this arrangement for cello in the concert hall. The programme also includes works by Debussy, Faure and pieces from Bach suites for solo cello. The concert is supported by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust.

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New exhibition to explore work of Lowry and Major

The Atkinson to host art by one of the country's most celebrated painters

A NEW exhibition at The Atkinson, Southport, explores the extensive bodies of work left by two very different Lancastrians – LS Lowry and Theodore Major – and looks at some of the reasons behind their diverging trajectories.

Running from January 10 until March 29, the exhibition includes loans from Manchester City Galleries, Arts Council England and The Lowry in Salford.

Lowry became one of the UK's most celebrated painters, while Major fell into virtual obscurity.

One of the loaned artworks, A Street Scene (St Simon's Church) 1928, was the first Lowry work purchased by Salford Museum & Art Gallery, as the painter's reputation started to grow.

Major's daughter Mary, an artist in her own right, has been involved with curating the show, alongside gallery manager Stephen Whittle. Mary believes her father's time is yet to come and that his reputation as a painter is still on the rise. Through her interpretations, she draws parallels and highlights differences between the pair.

"Neither artist was interested in the trappings of fame," she said. "Neither ever drove a car."

She views their main difference as their level of involvement with their subjects, suggesting that Lowry's vision is detached. "Lowry's smoking chimneys belch their lung–choking contents to distant skies whilst Major's figures are enveloped in the wretched stuff," she added.

Gallery manager Stephen Whittle said: "In recent years people have begun to get a lot more interested in Theodore Major's work and he certainly bears comparison with Lowry.

"In fact, he's a lot more wide–ranging in his choices of subjects and his use of colour is far more expressive. Where Lowry was interested in the work of the late Impressionists, Major's work has more in common with Van Gogh, Matisse or Georges Rouault.

"It's fascinating to see their work together and to consider how different they were in their approach to art and life."

Lowry is famous for stylised pictures of coalmines, factories and terraced houses, which he referred to as 'dreamscapes' as they were largely drawn from memory. Not based on actual locations, they were however inspired by the streets of Salford and Pendlebury, where he lived and worked – as a rent collector and property company clerk – for nearly 40 years. Lowry's infamous 'naïve' figures are commonly referred to as matchstick men.

Active between 1928 and 1970, Lowry died in 1976 aged 88. By the time of his death, there had been many national exhibitions of his work and he was in talks with the Royal Academy about a major retrospective. In 2011, two works by Lowry each achieved £5.6 million at auction. Tate Britain held a major retrospective in 2013 and the first Lowry solo show outside of UK took place in China in 2014.

Born 20 years later in Wigan, Major, attended the local art school from 1927 to 1932, and taught there for 20 years until 1950. Reclusive in lifestyle, he used a small front bedroom of his Appley Bridge home as his studio and the next door property as a store for his paintings, which he was not keen to part with. It has been said that he would have been bigger than Lowry if he had sold his paintings during his lifetime, but he was passionately anti–commercial in his attitude to art and frequently declined to sell pictures, especially "not to the people who want them, the rich people".

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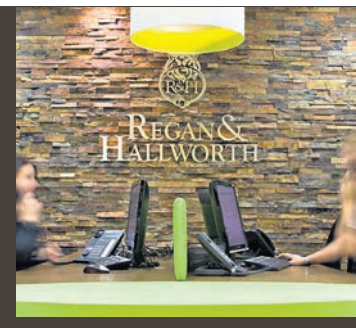

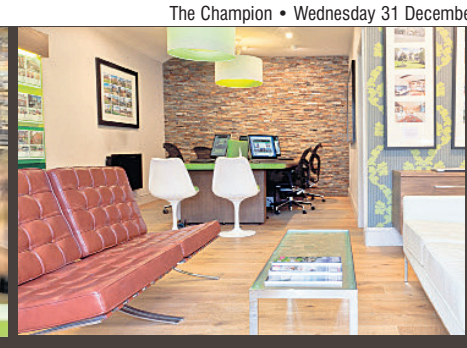

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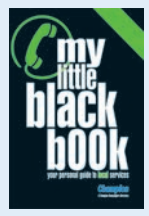

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DEATHS

Taylor Agnes (Edna)

16th December 2014

Peacefully in hospital aged 84 years

A beloved wife to Ken, much loved Mum to Stephen and Maureen and a cherished Nan of Andrew and Lauren. Edna will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and committal will take place on Friday 2nd January 2015 in St Helens Crematorium Chapel at 10.30am. Family flowers only please donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o the family. All enquiries to The Co-operative FuneralCare 788-790 Ormskirk Rd, Pemberton. Tel: 01942 213374

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DEATHS

BROWN
REVEREND ROBERT TURNBULL

23rd December 2014

Aged 89 years.

Husband of Iris for 62 years. Greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Birkdale United Reformed Church on Thursday 8th January at 12:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Aindow Josephine (Josie)

19th December 2014, peacefully in hospital aged 79 years of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Wife of John, much loved Mum of Karen and Son-in-law Les, loved Nan of Lee, James, Steven, Nicky and partners. Will be sadly missed by all her Great-Grandchildren. Funeral mass and interment at St Annes RC Church, Ormskirk on Monday 5th January at 11.00am. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for the Air Ambulance. Donations and further enquiries please to Margaret Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 424888.

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DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

I never got the chance to say goodbye Jane, but that was just as well, I never could have said goodbye to a friend I loved so well.

You were always loving and kind, These are the beautiful memories you leave behind.

Sleep tight Jane

You will be missed loads

Elaine & family
xxxx

45219

DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

TO MY BEAUTIFUL MUM

You were my world, my best friend and I don't know what I'm going to do without you.

You'll always be in my heart and we'll miss you until we meet again.

Your broken-hearted daughter Sarah, Neil and your stars Stevie, Nile and Darcey Jane
xxxx

6100494

DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

MUCH LOVED MUM AND NAN

Good night and God bless
Always miss you,
Love Jamie, Louise and Laycie
xxx

6100493

DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

THE BEST MUM A SON COULD HAVE

Thank you for everything you did for me

Love you so much

Michael x

6100496

IN MEMORIAM

Kay Albert

Fell asleep 5 years ago on the 4th January

While your smile has gone forever
and your hand we cannot touch
we still have so many memories
of the one we love so much
your memory is our keepsake
which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
we have you in our heart's

Sadly missed
by loving wife Margaret,
Daughters Shirley & Sandra.
Son-in-laws Simon & Gregg
Precious Grandchildren
James, Ellie, Lydia & Clara

xxxx

45212

DEATHS

Banks Thomas (Tom)

20th December 2014
Aged 92 years
Suddenly at home

Loving husband to Iris and a much loved dad, grandad and great grandad. Tom will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service at St. Marks Church Scarisbrick on Thursday 8th January at 2pm. Family flowers only please and donations if so desired to Southport Kidney Unit / St. Marks Church. All enquiries to Cookson Tyrer, Funeral Directors Tel: 01704 897770

45279

DEATHS

Weatherby Alan

December 22nd 2014, aged 67 years, suddenly but peacefully in his sleep

Beloved husband to Gill, devoted dad to Jayne, Karen, Lisa, Emma and David, amazing grandad to Alfie, Danny and Jonathan, much loved father-in-law to Kev and Mark, loving brother to June and Neil, special brother-in-law to Terry, Carol and Sheila. Alan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 6th January at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Clatterbridge Oncology Unit. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

1136232

DEATHS

Morris Peter

On 27th December 2014

Peacefully in hospital. Aged 57 years.

Loving husband of Irene, devoted Dad of Gerard, James, Jane and Charles. Cherished Grandad of Chloe Jane, Teddy James and Peter Alan. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 7th January at 10.40am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired are yet to be decided. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

MUCH LOVED WIFE, MUM AND NAN

Jane passed away on 20 December 2014, aged 61

Funeral to be held at 10am on Friday 2nd January 2015 at Anfield Cemetery.

Enquiries:
Devonport Funeral Directors
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DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

Passed away 20th December 2014

A very special Auntie, will be sadly missed.

Gone but not forgotten

Love niece Emma, George and family
xxxx

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Jane Gallagher

You tried so hard to stay with us but sadly it was not to be.
Rest in Peace
Love Mum in Law, Irene,
Sister in Law Julie and Nephew Shea
XXX

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DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

MUCH-LOVED WIFE

Free from pain at last. Will love and miss you always

Your broken-hearted husband Stephen X

6100497

JONES Dolly

22nd December 2014

LOVING NAN AND GREAT NAN

Go be with Grandad now, you simply were the best
Loving Nan to Lyndsey and John, Great Nan to Jack, Harry, Max and Bella

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IN MEMORIAM

Ribbens Paul Harry

29/12/2012

We little know that morning God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly in death we do the same
it broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
and although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
nothing seems the same
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.
Goodnight God bless Paul.
We miss you so much
love Mum, Dad, Karen, Louis & Sophie
xxxx

45240

DEATHS

BEDDOWS HERBERT (BERT)

on 25th December 2014

Aged 92 years.

Much loved husband of the late Doreen, devoted father to Carol and John, father in law of Paul and Nicky, grandfather of George, Lucy and Luke. Bert will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service at St James' Parish Church, Lulworth Road, Southport on Monday 5th January at 1:00pm followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Flowers for the funeral if wished or donations if desired may be sent for British Heart Foundation and Army Commando Benevolent Fund in memory of Bert (please make cheques payable to Howard's Donation Account). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Evans Jean

21st December 2014

Aged 82 years. Passed away peacefully with her Husband Brian at her side.

Jean suffered her painful disabilities bravely and is now at peace. Family flowers only but donations in memory of Jean are being gratefully received for Alzheimers Society. Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 5th January at 12.00 noon.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors.
128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
Tel: 01695 572997

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DEATHS

Scott Doreen

Passed away peacefully at home on 23rd December 2014

Adored wife of Walter, Mam to Andrina, Alyson and Buddy, Grandma to Sorcha, Oliver, Eliot and Joel.

The funeral is at St Helens Crematorium on 6th January at 10.30am, family flowers only, any donations to Alzheimers Society please.

With grateful thanks to Doctors, Carers and District Nurses.

At peace but sorely missed. Arrangements by H. Hardman & Co. Tel 01695 722122.

45242

DEATHS

Gallagher Jane

20th December 2014

MY LOVING LITTLE SISTER AND BEST FRIEND

You will be missed by ALL that knew you and embraced your Love and Friendship

As we prepare for a New Year our thoughts will be with you, but it just won't be the same

Sleep well

I miss you so much

Peter

xxx

6100487

DEATHS

JONES Dolly

22nd December 2014

LOVING MOTHER AND NAN

I wake each morning
to start a new day,
But the pain of losing you
never goes away,
I go about the things I have to do
And as the hours pass I think of you.
I want to call you and hear your voice
then I remember I have no choice,
For you are not there
and my heart cries,
Just to see you again
and say goodbye.
The day you left I just didn't know
that you were going
where I couldn't go,
And all the memories of you
are so dear
But oh how I miss you and
wish you were here.
Who now can hear me
when I need to cry,
It's so hard to tell you
'Mum Goodbye'

Your loving daughter Susan and son-in-law Brian

6100510

DEATHS

JONES Dolly

22nd December 2014

LOVING MOTHER

Mum, life will never be the same again without you. Will love and miss you forever.

Rest in Peace XX

Your Daughter Pauline and Son-in-law Barry

6100517

JONES Dolly

22nd December 2014

LOVING NAN AND GREAT NAN

To the best Nan in the world
R.I.P.
XXXX
Love you always
Barry, Emma, Natalie & Macy

6100520

IN MEMORIAM

Burns Teresa

December 29th 2013

Loving Mum, Nan and Great Nan

One long year without you,
And we've all
missed you so much,
What we'd give to
see your smile,
And feel your loving touch.

But we know you're
in a better place,
Free from suffering
and pain,
So we'll remember
the feel of your
loving embrace,
To lift our hearts again.

Love and miss you always
Your Gang
xxxxxx

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

Rigby Jamie "Our Jay"

31st December 2014

Today would have been your 30th Birthday
With prezzies, fun and laughter,
But instead we send a dove to you,
with a parcel on its wings.
Be careful when you open it Jay,
It's full of precious things,
There's millions of hugs and kisses,
to show how much you're missed.

Love from every one of us,
Broken hearted that you're not here.
Miss them big hugs Jay, love always
Mum, Dad, Danielle, Liam, Stuart and Taz
xxxx

Blowing kisses to heaven from
Ava-Emily, Iyla-Beau and Poppy-Jae
xxxx

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RIGBY JAY

31st December 2014

Sending you all our love on your 30th Birthday Jay

We will love and miss you always

Your friends
Joan, Jimmy, Jay and Jo

xxxx

45223

Rigby Jamie

31st December 2014

30th BIRTHDAY

Jay your special day
we cannot share
But in our hearts
You will always be there

God bless,
sleep tight

Uncle Les,
Auntie Doreen,
Auntie Mary

xxx

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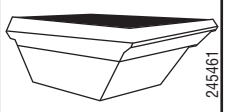

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By **David Simister**

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Traditionally, the company has only sold the eco–conscious versions of its supermini as a diesel model, but for £14,730 you can now pick one up with the company's 1.0 litre TSI engine.

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Volkswagen still makes vans but is happy not to revive the old Type 2 Code NA

A MATE of mine put it to me the other week that the Volkswagen Type 2 – known to surfers, hippies and holidaymakers everywhere as simply the Campervan – is the most depicted car of all time.

Just about every bit of tourist tat imaginable, from teatowels and tee–shirts to pint glasses and USB sticks has featured the rear–engined workhorse at some point in order to lend said souvenir a groovy air of free love.

Everybody knows what a Type 2 looks like – even if they insist (normally incorrectly) on calling it a Volkswagen Campervan.

It's one of a handful of old cars that still have that cult currency no matter where you are – and one of only two, I reckon, that haven't been shamelessly reinvented. The Mini, the Fiat 500 and the Volkswagen Beetle have all been done. There are only a couple of names which people really remember left – so why are the car makers still at it?

Take the Maserati Ghibli, for instance. If you're a Champion reader who's ended up on these pages because you're looking for the Sports section but got a bit lost then chances are you won't be able to picture a Maserati Ghibli without consulting Google – so it's got no resonance. If, on the other hand, you pride yourself on being a petrolhead, you'll know it's an old Italian supercar. So you'll feel a bit fobbed off to discover the revived version isn't a ground–hugging missile, but a diesel–engined four–door saloon.

The other trip down Memory Lane which I'm still yet to understand is the new Vauxhall Viva. There is, of course, much to commend about the old Viva, but do you see it on teatowels and mugs at souvenir shops in holiday resorts? Nope. I understand why it's a revival in a name only, but unless you owned one back in the Seventies or read Practical Classics, it's just not a name that'll ring a bell with your mates.

Redoing your old offerings as new models is duller than hearing those breathy–voiced Eighties cover versions that always seem to pop up in John Lewis' festive ads, or seeing the best the cinema has to offer are yet more comic character reboots. I don't want a new Ford Cortina or a revived Vauxhall Chevette in the same way I'd dread a TV remake of Only Fools and Horses or yet another outing for Do They Know It's Christmas.

Why hasn't there been a new Type 2, or a new Citro?n 2CV or Ford Capri? It's simple; the manufacturers have resisted the urge to do cover versions of their classics because they've got more exciting and innovative things to show you. The makers of these great cars from the past were doing them as 'new' to their best of their abilities – and that's why we cherish the good 'uns as classics decades later. I applaud the people still doing that today, resisting the urge to do cover versions of their old cars and using their imagination to come up with genuinely modern – and usually brilliant – new cars.

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By **David Simister**

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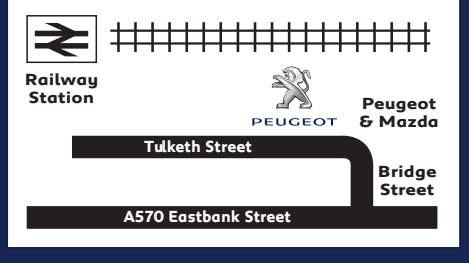

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500 games and counting for Tommy Lawson

This week we continue our feature on Skelmersdale United manager Tommy Lawson who recently completed his 55th match in charge.

Tommy Lawson notched up his 250th game in charge in the 2010–2011 and celebrated with a 4–1 win at Mossley, the team that day was Eastham, McIntosh, Bryne, Burke, Akrigg, Turner, Woolcott, Armstrong, O'Donnell, Almond, Ledsham. Subs: McGoldrick, Lloyd, R Wade.

2010/11 was to end with dramatic scenes at Stormy Corner. Chester had seemingly won the title bar the shouting at the end of February such was their lead, but the club with the huge backing support wise started to falter and Tommy Lawson smelled blood, Skelmersdale surged up the league and on the last day, Chester had to draw at Garforth Town to lift the title, and if they lost Skelmersdale still had to win 7–0 at home to Ossett Albion.

Neil Leatherbarrow wrote the report for the local papers that day and said: "If the events at the Skelmersdale & Ormskirk College Stadium last week had been written in a comic you would not have believed them, but the outcome for Skelmersdale manager Tommy Lawson was anything but funny. His free scoring team had to defeat struggling Albion by seven clear goals and leaders Chester had to lose at Garforth Town to lift the Evo–Stik Division One North title and this after Chester had enjoyed a thirteen point lead back in March.

At half–time United were 3–1 up while Chester were 1–0 up in Yorkshire and the title was theirs for the taking. Twenty five minutes into the second–half, Chester were 2–1 down and Skelmersdale were a remarkable 7–1 up, a crucial twenty minutes awaited. The sad outcome was that nothing happened, well nearly nothing, Ossett pulled a goal back and despite sending wave after wave of attacks on the Ossett goal, Skelmersdale couldn't score again and the "Cestrian Hordes" in Yorkshire were left to celebrate, they had won the league by just two goals."

It was hardly a shock that a shattered Skelmersdale side were denied by AFC Fylde in the play–offs, although the last minute winner added more frustration.

2011/12 was a season of relative 'failure' if that is what you can call finishing up one place outside the play–off places, but that still went down to the last day, as United lost at Garforth.

2012/13 was to be a season of record breaking proportions. Mossley set the early pace in the league but they had played more games than Skelmersdale who had a tremendous run in the FA Trophy. Boston United and Guiseley were dismissed before a trip to Luton Town's Kenilworth Road ended in a 2–0 defeat with both goals coming in the last ten minutes. However, it was in the league that Skelmersdale excelled.

Tommy Lawson's men remained unbeaten until January and even then only lost four times all season, amassing 102 points and scoring 110 goals, finally topping the table by a 16 point margin. The title was achieved with a 4–0 win at home to Farsley. A number of older Skelmersdale supporters have since said that the team that season was maybe even better than the famous Wembley sides of 1967 and 1971.

The last two seasons in the Evo–Stik Premier Division have seen Skelmersdale spend almost half their time in the division occupying top spot. It is clearly a much tougher standard of football and the travelling is taking the Skelmersdale name and their entertaining brand of play to new faraway places, but Tommy Lawson has shown he is far from out of place and neither are Skelmersdale United.

Tommy Lawson being congratulated by captain and longest serving player Rob McIntosh

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Goal happy Skem extend lead at top to nine points

Skelmersdale United 3
Marine 1

SKELMERSDALE had two victories to celebrate in a hectic three day festive period to send them nine points clear at the top of Evo–Stik Premier Division table heaping the pressure on the chasing pack to win their games in hand, who face a daunting task playing catch–up.

The Boxing Day match at home to Marine was a real thriller, with both teams incessantly on the attack to an extent that a 6–4 victory for Skem wouldn't have been out of place.

The 12th minute typified what was to come as Skelmersdale's Connor McCarthy held off two challengers before bringing a quality save out of Marine goalkeeper Matt Cooper who immediately released a full–back who switched play forwards from where Marine midfielder Karl Clair brought an even better save out of Skelmersdale goalkeeper Zac Hibbert.

Hibbert made another full–length save in the 21st minute to keep out a Dan Fearnehough effort and within a minute Skelmersdale were in front. A delightful cross field ball from Valtar Fernandes put McCarthy into space on the left of the penalty area; he switched the ball from left to right foot and drilled a low shot past Cooper into the Mariner net.

Cooper made two more crucial saves from Dan Mitchley before the striker didn't allow Cooper such a luxury, his fizzing shot leaving the keeper completely wrong footed as it went past him via a defender to make it 2–0.

Marine pressed hard after the restart and Fearnehough had a shot blocked on the line before Lloyd Ellams headed wide from a very good position.

But Skelmersdale sealed the game after good work on the right by Fernandes who found Mitchley. He stepped onto the ball and dispatching a vicious curling half–volley from 20 yards that left Cooper a spectator as it thundered into the Marine net.

Marine continued to press and Hibbert made another good save from James Foley, before finally Marine found the net in added time, when Ellams netted after he was set up by Matty Williams.

Not one of the 348 who braved a cold wet day will have gone home saying they weren't thoroughly entertained.

Skelmersdale got their confidence back and Marine will avoid the drop if only they can start finishing better in front of goal.

Ramsbottom United 0
Skelmersdale United 3

Sunday brought a different test with the East Lancashire pitch blatantly unfit to play on due to frost and before the end the area in front of the stand sounded more like a tap dancing stage than a football one.

Skem broke the deadlock on the half–hour when Aidan Kirkbride who was about 25 yards from goal, stepped onto the ball and lashed a dipping shot over home goalkeeper Grant Shenton and into the net via the underside of the crossbar.

Ramsbottom went on the attack and Zac Hibbert made a save in the 35th minute that was to prove a 'game changer.' The ball was sent across the penalty box to Phil Dean who looked sure to equalise, but Hibbert's reaction save kept him out.

A minute later Skelmersdale had the ball in the Ramsbottom penalty area and Dan Mitchley was clumsily tripped from behind. Mitchley slotted home the penalty to make it 2–0.

Ramsbottom had more of the possession after the break, but didn't create one clear chance.

In the 84th minute Peter Wylie held the ball up well before slipping a pass inside to Mitchley, who netted his fourth goal of the weekend.

Early starts for Linnets as they enter new year in mid–table

Bamber Bridge 1
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH'S recent revival in fortunes came to an end at Bamber Bridge on Boxing Day when they were defeated 2–1 in front of a crowd of 299 at Irongate.

Glenn Steel gave the home side the lead in the 39th minute.

Stuart Vasey eventually doubled the lead for Bamber Bridge 15 minutes from time.

Mark Beesley pulled the Linnets back into the game with a couple of minutes remaining but it was to prove too late for Burscough to salvage any points.

With Sunday's scheduled fixture being postponed due to a frozen pitch the Linnets finish the year in twelfth place in the Evo–Stick League North table.

• Burscough are due to host Prescot Cables on New Year's Day and are at home Lancaster City on Saturday. Both these matches will have a 1.30pm kick–off time due to ongoing problems with the floodlights at Victoria Park.

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Basic Plumbing (DIY Only)	Tue & Wed	19:00-21:00	10 wks	CFD	CFD	CFD	WLCA	06/01/15
PRINCE'S TRUST								
Prince's Trust Southport Team 3 (16-25)	Full Time	CFD	12 wks	F	F	F	Southport	05/01/15
Prince's Trust Ormskirk Team 7 (16-25)	Full Time	CFD	12 wks	F	F	F	Ormskirk	19/01/15

PART-TIME COURSES

Course	Day	Time	Duration	Under 24 Fee	Exam/ Reg Fee	Over 24 Fee	Location	Start Date
PROFESSIONAL MEDIA MAKE-UP								
Fashion and Photographic Make-Up FC IE	Tue	18:00-21:00	15 wks	£255	-	£255	Skelmersdale	13/01/15
Media Make-Up Level 3 Award FC IE	Mon	18:00-21:00	16 wks	£255	-	£255	Skelmersdale	19/01/15
Air brush Make-Up Award Level 3 C&G FC IE	Mon to Wed	10:00-16:00	3 days	£145	-	£145	Skemersdale	23/02/15
SIGN LANGUAGE								
British Sign Language Beginners ACL ☎	Mon	19:00-21:00	8 wks	£76	-	-	Ormskirk	19/01/15
SPORT								
Launch your Career in Sport, Active Leisure and Community Development IE	Mon	09:00-17:30	13 wks	£99	-	£99	Ormskirk	02/02/15
TEACHER EDUCATION								
Award in Education and Training Level 3 (Previously PTLLs) FC CFD	Wed	18:00-21:00	12 wks	£350	-	£350	Skelmersdale	07/01/15
Award in Education and Training Level 3 (Previously PTLLs) FC CFD	Wed	18:00-21:00	12 wks	£350	-	£350	Skelmersdale	15/04/15
Assessing Competence in the Work Environment Award Level 3 VTCT CFD	Flexi	Flexi	54 hours	£321	£33	£321	Workplace	CFD
Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement Award Level 3 VTCT CFD	Flexi	Flexi	54 hours	£321	£33	£321	Workplace	CFD
Assessing Vocational Achievement Level 3 Certificate VTCT CFD	Flexi	Flexi	84 hours	£321	£33	£321	Workplace	CFD
Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Level 4 Award VTCT CFD	Flexi	Flexi	90 hours	£321	£33	£321	Workplace	CFD
WELDING								
Welding Skills Introduction Level 1 C&G	Wed	18:00-21:00	15 wks	£170	£74	£170	WLCA	07/01/15
YOGA								
Yoga ACL ☎	Mon	09:30-11:30	8 wks	£76	-	£76	Skelmersdale	19/01/15

KEY

- FFL2 — First Full Level 2 19-23.
- FC — Full fee is payable.
- ACL — Courses available with Lancashire Education Authority are only available to 19+ learners.
- ☎ — Telephone Enrolment for those Part-Time learners who are NOT eligible for fee reduction (eg full fee payers only).
- IE — These courses require interview at enrolment.
- F — These courses are free.
- CFD — Call for more details.

ENROLMENT

You can enrol for any day or evening course at the dates/times stated below:

Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6DX (Sat Nav postcode WN8 6LH)

Wednesday 7 January 4pm - 7pm.
Thursday 8 and Friday 9 January 12noon - 3pm.

Ormskirk Campus, Hants Lane, Ormskirk, L39 1PX (first night of courses)

Monday 19 January 5pm - 7pm.

TELEPHONE ENROLMENTS

Telephone enrolments will take place on **7 January, 10am-3pm.**

Telephone enrolments are available for those part-time learners who are NOT eligible for fee reduction (eg full fee payers only). Courses marked with a ☎.

You will need to use a credit or debit card to complete the payment and sign a college Learner Agreement at your first session in College.

To enrol by telephone please call: 01695 52306, 01695 52310 or 01695 52486.

Please note: Courses offered by Lancashire County Council Adult Learning Service are for 19+ learners only.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PAY?

Tuition is FREE for:

- 16-18 year olds
- Anyone aged 19 – 23 years studying a full time Entry Level/Level 1 Foundation Learning Course and does not have a prior Level 2 qualification
- Learners undertaking a First Full Level 2 qualification aged 19-23 (FFL2)
- Learners undertaking a First Full Level 3 qualification aged 19-23 (FFL3)
- Skills for Life (literacy or numeracy) courses
- GCSE English and Maths where a learner does not currently hold a Grade C in these subjects
- Those in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance and Employment Support Allowance (work related activity groups)
- Those in receipt of a means tested benefit (see Benefit Table on page 7)
- Unemployed adults on any other benefits (see Benefit Table on page 7) who are undertaking a course up to and including a Level 2 qualification to improve their ability to gain employment
- Those earning less than £21,000 per annum* and studying a funded course (leading to a qualification)

In addition DISCOUNTED tuition is available to:

- Those 19 and over studying a second or subsequent Full Level 2 a £99 tuition fee is payable
- Those 19-23 studying a second or subsequent Full Level 3 qualification a £99 tuition fee is payable
- Those 19+ studying a course funded through Lancashire County Council Adult Learning Service and in receipt of active benefits or on a low income may be eligible to pay a reduced fee of £15.

Please note

Learners Aged 24+ Studying a Full Level 3 Course / Full Level 4, A Level programme, Access to HE and Advanced / Higher Apprenticeships are not funded and therefore not eligible for any FREE or DISCOUNTED Fees.

In addition – Exam and Registration Fees may be charged dependant on eligibility.

**Proof of income eg payslip (last 3 months), P60*

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO ENROLMENT?

- Job Seekers Allowance - Current Letter authorised by the Job Centre (JSA book not accepted)
- Employment Support Allowance - Current Letter authorised by the Job Centre (JSA book not accepted)

Work Related Group

- Employment Support Allowance (WRAG) - Current Letter authorised by the Job Centre (JSA book not accepted)

None Work Related Group

- Income Support - Current letter/bank statement
- Housing/Council Tax Benefit - Payment book, letter from council or bank statement
- Child Tax Credit - where you are the dependant partner and have no other income (this will show on your joint Tax Credit award notice)
- Universal Credit - Current letter authorised by the Job Centre (JSA book not accepted)
- Pension Credits - Current award notice
- Any other state benefit - Relevant proof (letter or bank statement)
- Employed learners with an Income of less than £21,000 - Proof of income eg: payslips (3 months), P60

If you are claiming FREE or discounted study and you are on an active or inactive benefit you will need to bring proof with you in order to complete your enrolment.

Please note all evidence and payment of any fees must be received prior to enrolling on a course.

IDENTIFICATION

16-18 Years - Identification

- Please see list below - Please bring your GCSE Results and proof of identification to complete your enrolment

The Learning Records Service requires learners to verify their identity at enrolment, therefore when enrolling for your course you will need to bring original copies of one of the following documents with you. If you enrol over the phone, you will be required to bring this identification with you to collect your ID card before you start your course:

- Passport • Photo Driving Licence • Armed Forces Service ID • National Insurance Card
- Certificate of Entitlement to Funding • Bank Credit/Debit Card • Your West Lancashire College Student ID Card

To find out more please contact the Learner Gateway on 01695 52300.

ADDITIONAL COSTS - UNIFORMS, KITS AND MATERIALS

Some courses require you to purchase the appropriate kit, uniform or materials. You will be advised on how to order and costs prior to the start of the course.

PAYING FOR YOUR COURSE

Course fees are payable at enrolment. If the annual course fee payable by you is over £200, you may be able to pay by instalments** see table below (subject to agreement at enrolment). If your course fee is being paid by a third party (e.g employer) you will be given the appropriate documentation at enrolment. Call 01695 52300 and ask for the Learner Gateway to find out if you are eligible for assistance.

£0 - £199 Full payment at enrolment
£200 - £299 2 equal instalments including first payment at enrolment followed by one payment in the consecutive month.
£300 - £599 3 equal instalments including first payment at enrolment followed by 2 consecutive monthly instalments.
£600 or over 5 equal instalments including first payment at enrolment followed by 4 consecutive monthly instalments.

PAYMENT OF EXAM/REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION

The Exam/Registration/Certification fee listed in the wrap is payable by ALL learners 19-23 and 24+.
The fee listed is in addition to the Tuition Fee displayed.

***If you wish to request instalment payments, you will be required to sign a Fee Payment Agreement at enrolment if these are agreed.*

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- Awarded Outstanding by Ofsted
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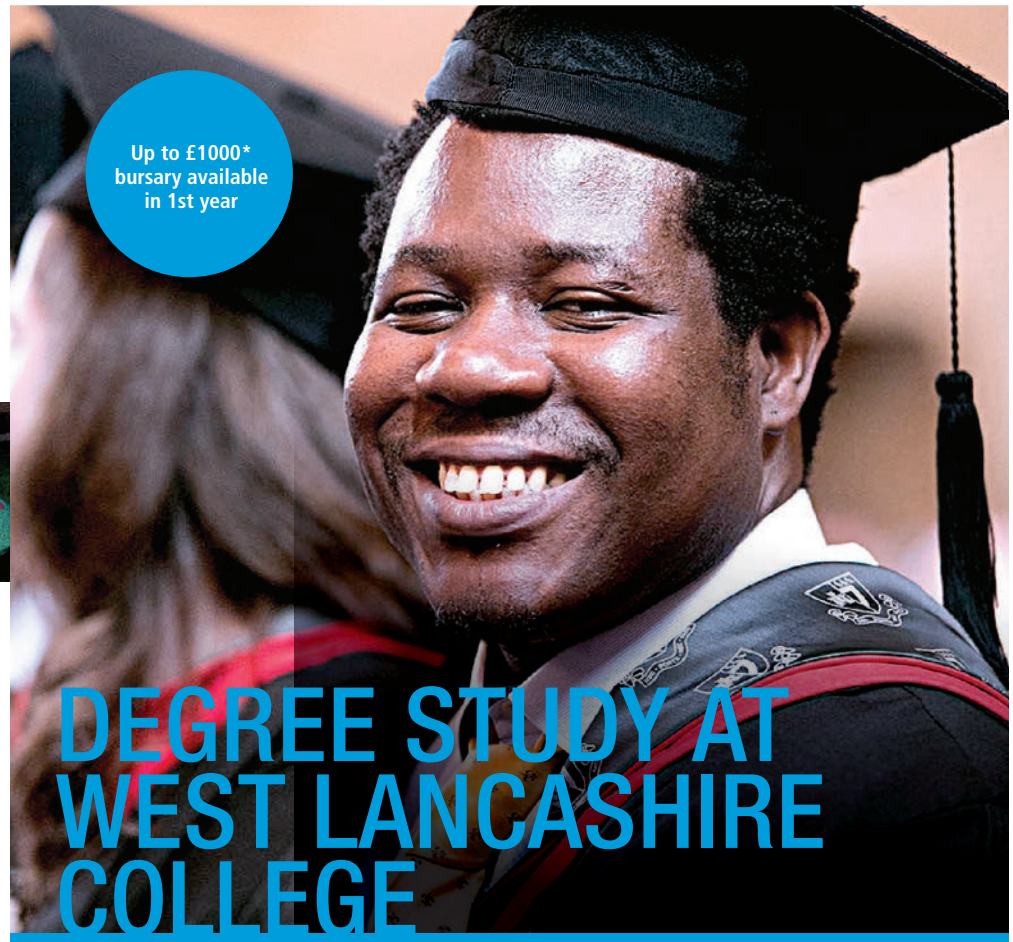
CALL **01695 52559 / 52300**

Email **littlelearners@westlancs.ac.uk** visit **www.westlancs.ac.uk**

Little Learners, West Lancashire College, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6DX (Sat Nav WN8 6LH)

* Government Early Years free entitlement 15 hours per week term-time



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Flexible programmes available to study Full or Part Time include:

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Children and Young Persons FdA	L590
Social Care FdA	L540
Sports Therapy FdSc (Subject to validation)	CB69
Sports Coaching Science FdSc	CX61
Tourism and Hospitality Management FdA	N890

To find out more please contact Course Enquiries on 01695 52300.

* Subject to eligibility

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JANUARY OFFERS AT THE IMAGERY

Treat yourself this January with some fantastic offers in our Training Salons:

	Level 2	Level 3
Re-growth Permanent Colour	£12.00	£15.00
Full Head Foils	£19.00	£22.00
Cut and Finish	£5.00	£8.00
Gents Cut Only	£2.00	£5.00
Mini Manicure, file and polish	£1.00	£4.00
Acrylic Nails	From £2.00	From £2.00
1/2 Leg Wax	£3.00	£6.00
Eyebrow Shape and Tint*	£2.50	£6.50
Swedish Back Massage	-	£6.00

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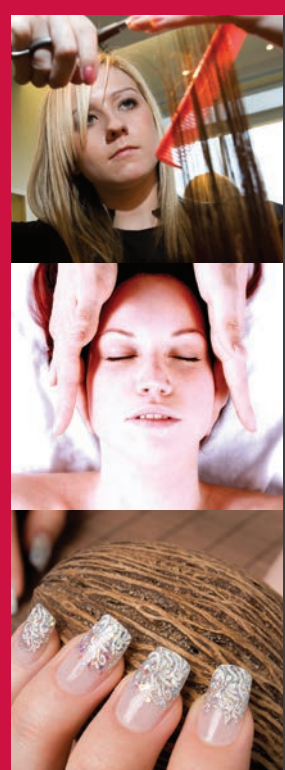

BISTRO NIGHTS

Burns Night 21/01/15

To reserve your table call
01695 52317

Campus Addresses:

Skelmersdale Campus College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6DX (WN8 6LH for Sat Nav)
West Lancashire Construction Academy Glebe Road, Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9JP
Ormskirk Campus Hants Lane, Ormskirk, L39 1PX

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